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Education and Training

Bachelor of Visual Arts (Magna Cum Laude) University of Ottawa 2023
Ottawa ON, Canada

2D-3D animation La Cité Collégiale 2019
Ottawa ON, Canada

Certificate in Immediate First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (Standard First Aid CPR / AED) Canadian Red Cross 2017
Pickering ON, Canada

Graduat premier cycle des beaux-arts 2007
Académie des Beaux-Arts
Kinshasa, DRC

Secondary school diploma in general education Collège 2003
Saint Alphonse
Kinshasa, DRC

Solo exhibitions

Colorful 2018
Ontario Power Generation Centre
Pickering ON, Canada.

Group exhibitions

<i>Mapping Reality</i> (virtual) Culturally Arts Collective New York, USA.	2023
<i>Fresh paint and new construction</i> Art Mûr Galerie Montréal QC, Canada	2023
<i>Arts Auction</i> Ottawa Art Gallery Ottawa ON, Canada	2023
<i>Broken Mirrors</i> (virtual) Culturally Arts Collective New York, USA.	2022
<i>Oppositions</i> (virtual) The Holy Art Gallery London, UK.	2022
<i>How I love You</i> Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa ON, Canada.	2022
<i>Art Auction</i> Ottawa Art Gallery Ottawa ON, Canada.	2021, 2022, 2023
Group exhibition Ottawa Art Gallery Ottawa ON, Canada.	2020
<i>Christmas Exhibition</i> Centre des Arts La Fab Chelsea Québec, Canada.	2019
Group exhibitions Artusiasm Arts Gallery Toronto ON, Canada.	2018
<i>Juried Art Show</i> PineRidge Arts Council Ajax ON, Canada	2017-2018

Biennial

Af-flux Biennale Transnationale Noire 2023-2024
Montreal QC. Canada

Artistic residencies

Beaverbrook Museum of Fine Arts 2023
New Brunswick, Canada

Public Arts Project

Vanier Traffic Signal Box Embellishment Project 2020
Ottawa ON, Canada

Scholarships and honorary mentions

Equity and Inclusion in the Arts Fund Grant - City of Ottawa Seed Award 2023

First prize Ex aequo bursary visual arts painting: Edmund and Isobel Ryan 2023
University of Ottawa

Certificate with distinction from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts for a body of work 2023
University of Ottawa

Research and Creation Grant Ontario Arts 2022
Council

Merit Scholarship 2020, 2021, 2022
University of
Ottawa

Winner of the African Union cartoon 2003
competition.

Festivals

Art Mobile 2021, 2022
Festival Mlt en Arts
Montréal QC, Canada

Inspired by Mandela 2021
AfroMusée
Montreal QC, Canada

Showcases

Art + summer showcase 2021-2022
Mucultural Artist's Coalition

Ottawa premiere 2021
Raw Artists Canada
Nepean ON, Canada

Publications and press interviews

Published works 2024
MULTI FAITH CALANDAR
Multi Faith Action
Vancouver, Canada

Published works 2023
MODERN RENAISSANCE MAGAZINE
Culturally Arts Collective,
New York,USA

Article written by Soufiane Chakkouche 2023
ONFR_TFO
Toronto ON, Canada

Article written by Abigail Alves Murta 2023
ONFR_TFO
Toronto ON, Canada

DAILY SHOW 2022
TV interview
Rogers TV
Ottawa ON, Canada

ENTRE NOUS 2021, 2022
television
interview
Rogers TV
Ottawa ON, Canada

Article written by Divine Ongagna 2020
LES DÉPÊCHES DU BASSIN DU CONGO NEWSPAPER
Brazzaville, Congo.

Publication local newspaper 2017
HANGIN' AROUND WITH PINRDGE ARTS COUNCIL
Ajax ON, Canada

Teaching and cultural mediation

Teacher's Aide and Lunch Supervisor 2023
Ottawa ON, Canada

After-School Animator at the Lowertown Community Resource Centre Ottawa 2023
ON, Canada

Jury member for francophone 2023
projects Ontario Arts Council
Toronto ON, Canada

Teaching assistant (Academic internship) 2022
Ottawa School of Art
Ottawa ON, Canada.

Workshop leader for grades 7 and 9 2021
Académie De La Seigneurie- MAISON DE LA FRANCOPHONIE D'OTTAWA
Ottawa ON, Canada

French4Tots arts 2017- 2021
instructor
Pickering ON, Canada

Other relevant work experience

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Artistic research Royal Museum for Central Africa Tervuren, Belgium	2023
Mentoring (volunteering) Laure-Rièse Elementary School Toronto ON, Canada	2017-2018
2D Animator (self-taught)	2008-2019
Workshop assistant Cheri-Cherin folk art workshop Kinshasa-RDC	2010-2012

Collections

Private collection (Ottawa, Canada)	2023
Maron'Age Gallery (Lyon, France)	2021
Private collection (Ancona, Italy)	2021
Galerie Annexe (Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario)	2019
Private collection (Australia)	2010